

1. (currently amended) An animal paw cleaning device comprising:
a basin having a bottom wall and an upstanding peripheral rim extending upward from the bottom wall to define a holding area;
a support layer disposed within the holding area of the basin adapted to conform to contours of a paw and retain cleaning fluid; and
a permeable cover adapted to retain dirt and debris adjoining at least an upper portion of the support layer;
wherein the cover is removably attached to the basin.

2. (original) A device as in claim 1 including cleaning fluid retained within the holding area and the support layer.

3. (original) A device as in claim 2 wherein the support layer releases cleaning fluid to moisten the cover during compression.

4. (original) A device as in claim 3 wherein the cover is operative to moisten and clean debris from an animal's paws.

5. (cancelled)

6. (original) A device as in claim 1 including at least one drainage opening extending through the bottom wall of the basin.

7. (original) A device as in claim 6 wherein the bottom wall has a plurality of drainage passages operative to carry fluid to at least one of said drainage openings.

8. (original) A device as in claim 2 wherein the cleaning fluid is water.

9. (original) A device as in claim 2 wherein the cleaning fluid is a mixture of soap and water.

10. (original) A device as in claim 1 wherein the permeable cover is terry cloth.

11. (original) A device as in claim 1 wherein the support layer is pebbles.

12. (original) A device as in claim 11 wherein the pebbles of the support layer are contained within a mesh bag.

13. (original) A device as in claim 1 wherein the support layer is foamed plastic.

14. (original) A device as in claim 1 wherein the support layer is a sponge.

15. (original) A device as in claim 1 wherein the basin is formed of plastic.

16. (original) A device as in claim 1 wherein the basin is formed of rubber.

17. (original) A device as in claim 1 including grip tape positioned between the support layer and the basin, the tape being operative to reduce sliding of the cleaning insert retained within the holding area of the basin.

18. (original) A device as in claim 1 including grip tape positioned on a lower surface of the basin and operative to reduce sliding of the basin upon a resting surface.